

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Office of the Attorney General



TRIAL ATTORNEY

Civil Litigation Division, Section II
Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia

Vacancy Announcement #16-011

Salary range: \$90,484 – \$138,350 (LS-13/1 - LS-15/4)*

The Civil Litigation Division of the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia is comprised of three sections. The Civil Litigation Division is currently seeking a trial attorney for Section II. The Civil Litigation Division defends the District of Columbia in civil lawsuits filed in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia and the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia in which plaintiffs seek money damages and/or individual injunctive relief. The cases primarily are in the areas of personal injury (automobile, police false arrest, assault and battery, slip and falls, inmate claims and medical malpractice), claims filed under the D.C. Whistleblower Protection Act and the D.C. Human Rights Act (DCHRA), federal constitutional civil rights claims (e.g., Fourth Amendment claims involving alleged unlawful arrest and excessive force), and employment discrimination claims arising under local or federal law (e.g., sexual harassment and/or discrimination based upon race, gender, or sexual orientation under the DCHRA, Title VII, the American With Disabilities Act, Age Discrimination in Employment Act, etc.). The incumbent will defend the District of Columbia and its executive level agencies, officials, and employees acting within the scope of their employment.

The incumbent will have an individual caseload of approximately thirty active civil cases and may work on various litigation teams. The incumbent will file pleadings, conduct and respond to written and oral discovery, conduct and defend depositions, file dispositive motions, negotiate settlements, advise agency personnel on policies and practices challenged in litigation, and conduct trials and contested hearings. There is substantial contact with client agencies and individual clients.

Candidates must have significant civil litigation experience for the higher grade levels. Civil jury trial experience is strongly preferred. The successful candidate must have excellent research and writing skills, experience in conducting discovery, including expert discovery, and all aspects of pretrial practice, including motions practice. The candidate must be able to handle multiple deadlines in a fast-paced environment, and be a self-starter. Experience in handling personal injury, employment discrimination/

whistleblower and/or claims under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 is highly desirable, as is knowledge of municipal law. Prior judicial clerkship experience is highly desirable but not required.

This position is inside the Collective Bargaining Unit. Candidates for the position may be subject to a background check.

The successful candidate must have a law degree and be an active member in good standing of the bar of any jurisdiction. If not a member of the District of Columbia Bar, the candidate must be sworn into the District of Columbia Bar within 360 days of his/her initial appointment with the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please submit a cover letter summarizing why you are interested and the skills and abilities you possess that will enable you to succeed in this position, a resume, writing sample, and list of three references electronically to oag.recruitmentattorney@dc.gov, or by mail to the Attorney Hiring Committee, Attention: Arlyntha Love, Recruitment and Hiring Office, Office of Attorney General for the District of Columbia, 441 4th Street, N.W., Suite 1100 South, Washington, D.C. 20001.

Closing Date: January 8, 2016.

Please reference the vacancy announcement number in your cover letter.

*** Salary in this range will be based on applicable rules, regulations and guidelines.**

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION

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